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WAXMAN TO DEDICATE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FACILITY

Congressman Henry A. Waxman, Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Health and the Environment, will be in Los Angeles on Monday, February 21 at 9:00 a.m. to dedicate a major new anti-cancer program at Children's Hospital.

Following the formal dedicatory ceremony, Dr. Stephen Stowe, Head of Radiation and Oncology, will explain to the press and to guests the significance of the new equipment and cancer treatment program Children's Hospital is inaugurating.

Congressman Waxman expressed tremendous enthusiasm about the Hospital's "Linear Accelerator".

Waxman said,

"As chairman of the House Health Subcommittee, I am in touch with cancer research centers across the country. The program at Children's Hospital of Los Angeles represents the latest, most sophisticated, and most promising approach to treating malignancies in children."

"The Linear Accelerator has phenomenal range. It can be focused on large cancerous areas, tiny tumors, or post-surgical remnants of malignant tissue otherwise unreadable."

"Best of all, the precision with which the Linear Accelerator works protects healthy tissue from dangerous radiation. This precision is especially important in infants and young children in whom malignancies and vital healthy tissues are often close together."

Waxman praised Children's Hospital of Los Angeles as "a national leader" in the fight against pediatric cancer. He said, "It is deeply gratifying to know that afflicted children in Los Angeles and from all over the Western United States will be able to find at Children's Hospital state-of-the-art equipment and medical scientists respected around the world for their skills and dedication."

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